CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR HELP?

200 volunteers are needed to conduct the 2020 Homeless Count.

Volunteer

by canvasing a map segment with a trained team to complete surveys and provide information on available services to people living on the streets (5 hour commitment). Must be 18 years or older.

Donate

to support count activities. \$5 gift cards from any restaurant will be provided to people as an incentive when they complete a survey on their homeless experience. Socks, travel size hygiene products and pre-packaged snacks are also great options!

Spread the word

and help raise awareness about the homeless count. Help recruit volunteers by sharing information about the count.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 4 A.M. DEPLOYMENT AT 5 A.M.

Volunteers are required to attend a 90-minute training session to learn about the count and data collection process. Trainings are offered Monday - Thursday the week prior to the count. Please <u>click here</u> for training times. People who do not attend a training will be unable to participate in the street count.

REGISTER

Registration will close when we reach 200 volunteers so don't wait to register!

Trainings will take place at the Multi-Service Center: 1301 W. 12th Street, Long Beach, CA 90813 (West of the 710 FWY, South of Harbor and Anaheim Intersection)



For more information, please contact Elsa Ramos at: Elsa.Ramos@longbeach.gov



LONGBEACH 2020 HOMELESS COUNT FACT SHEET

WHAT IS A HOMELESS COUNT?

The Homeless Count is a comprehensive street and service-based enumeration process designed to count the number of people are homeless in Long Beach at a given point-in-time. The Long Beach Continuum of Care, (CoC) led by the City's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is required to conduct this enumeration as a recipient of funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

WHO DO WE COUNT?

Adults, children, and unaccompanied youth who, on the day of the count, are residing in one of the following locations:

Unsheltered:

Residing in a place not meant for human habitation such as streets, parks, abandoned buildings, stairwells, tunnels, bridges, beaches and riverbeds.

Sheltered:

Residing in an emergency shelter or transitional housing. Any hotel or motel paid for by a public or private agency because the person or family is homeless.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

DHHS conducts a Homeless Count to obtain an unduplicated enumeration of homeless individuals to help identify trends and needs amongst the population. Programs are developed and designed based on the unique needs of the local population.

This event also helps bring awareness on the issue of homelessness in Long Beach. Volunteers will be in teams comprised of service providers and homeless/previously homeless individuals while canvassing maps and engaging those living on the streets. Volunteers will learn about who becomes homeless and why and what resources are available in the community to help those in need. This is an opportunity for community members to be part of the solution and connect to organizations or community partners working towards ending homelessness in Long Beach.



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